

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

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FAST FACTS

International students contributed an estimated **\$245.4 million** to the Iowa economy in the 2009–2010 academic year.

Higher Learning

Iowa is ranked **#20** in the U.S. for the number of international students in its colleges and universities.

1. Iowa State University
2. University of Iowa
3. Maharishi University of Management
4. University of Northern Iowa
5. Drake University

Iowa universities with the most foreign students.

1. China
2. India
3. South Korea
4. Malaysia
5. Taiwan

Leading places of origin for foreign students in Iowa during 2009–2010.

689

citizen diplomats in Iowa volunteered to host international students, scholars, and visitors in their homes and communities.

610

citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in Iowa.

167

Iowans participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

Notable ECA Alumni

Jane Smiley

Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, 1992 (*Fulbright U.S. Student Program* 1976)

Rita Dove

Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1987 (*Fulbright/Hays Fellow* 1974)

Timothy Barrett

MacArthur Foundation Fellow, 2009 (*Fulbright U.S. Student Program* 1975)

Chet Culver

41st Governor of Iowa, 2007–2011 (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*)



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